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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 743

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*Celebrating the life of Paul Wendell Dick.*

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WHEREAS, Paul Wendell Dick, a beloved and accomplished athlete, educator, and coach known for his dedication to the students of Winchester and Frederick County, died on December 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Dick attended James Wood High School beginning in fifth grade when it opened in 1950 and graduated in 1958 having won the Winchester Star Leadership Scholarship, the American Legion Award, and James Wood's "Outstanding Male Athlete" title; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Dick attended Potomac State Junior College in Keyser, West Virginia, on a basketball scholarship before transferring to West Virginia University, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees; and

WHEREAS, after graduating, Wendell Dick joined the United States Army National Guard in Winchester, earning the title "Outstanding Trainee"; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Dick worked for Frederick County Public Schools for 28 years as a teacher, guidance counselor, football coach, athletic director, assistant principal and principal of Frederick County Junior High School, and as an assistant track coach and a coordinating administrator at James Wood High School; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Dick worked for Senator Russ Potts as director of constituent services from 1991 to 1996; his efforts were recognized with the David Eisenhower Award by the Quad State Legislative Group in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Dick was a cross country and track official for 50 years and provided color commentary for many years on 92.5 WINC-FM Sports with Joe Pasquali; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Dick was inducted into the James Wood Athletic Hall of Fame, which was later named for him, and the Potomac State College Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Dick took an active role in his community in numerous other ways, such as with the American Diabetes Association, Henry and William Evans Home for Children, Frederick County Retired Teachers Association, James Wood High School Athletic Association, Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival Sports Breakfast, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Dick and his family were devoted members of the Crossroads Community Church in Winchester; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Dick will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 53 years, Anita; his children, Paula and Wes, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Paul Wendell Dick, who had such an impact on his community that he was known as "Mr. James Wood" and was honored with "Wendell Dick Day" at James Wood High School in 2010; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Paul Wendell Dick as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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